

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0295

Title: Revise laws for licensing minor drivers

Primary Sponsor: Butcher, E

Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$44,656	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$3,770	\$7,540
State Special Revenue	\$446	\$893
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$40,886)	\$7,540

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill provides an alternative method of a driver obtaining a driver license instruction/learner's permit for 14.5 year olds who meet the criteria of 61-5-106, MCA.
2. Of the 13,004 individuals that are 14.5 years of age, two percent or 260 are in a non-public setting or home schooled.
3. Therefore, the maximum number of individuals that would meet the criteria established in this bill for a driver's license learner's permit would be 260.
4. Revenues would increase \$8 per license issued for a total of \$2,080 per year. Half of the revenue, or \$1,040 will be deposited into the general fund, 16.7 percent, or \$347, in the state special revenue account for the Montana Highway Patrol retirement, and 26.25 percent, or \$546 in the state traffic education account.
5. Driver license testing revenues would increase approximately \$6,500 per year for instructor certification fees deposited into the general fund.
6. Administrative expenses will increase \$26,504 in FY 2004 for programming analysis, design, implementation, and computer processing time. These costs are associated with updating the driver license application system that will be necessary for documenting special instructor certification and status for each of the special instruction permits, add an expiration date. Additional programming costs are

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\$13,152 that are needed to track the testing dates for certified instructor status, and create a system that tracks the instructor's driver history to make sure the individual does not have more than five habitual traffic points.

7. Additional programming costs in FY 2004 of \$5,000 will be necessary for the independent contractor to review the program that will add the parents name as the certified special instructor to the permits that are issued.
8. Total operating costs are \$44,656 in FY 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Justice

Program 12-Motor Vehicle Division

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$44,656	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$44,656	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$3,770	\$7,540
State Special Revenue (02) (MHP Ret)	\$173	\$347
State Traffic Education Account	\$273	\$546
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$40,886)	\$7,540
State Special Revenue (02) (MHP Ret)	\$173	\$347
State Traffic Education Account	\$273	\$546